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SUBJ: OFFICIAL TRAVEL SECRETARY SIMON

1. I RAISED PROPOSED VISIT OF SECRETARY SIMON WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI JANUARY 20. HE SAID HE WELCOMED VISIT, AND SAW NO PROBLEM WITH MARCH 4 AS DATE. SUWAIDI EXPECTED TO BE HERE ON THAT DATE HIMSELF, AND BELIEVED SHAIKH ZAYID WOULD BE ALSO.

2. I TOLD SUWAIDI I DID NOT AT THIS POINT HAVE INFORMATION AS TO SUBJECTS SECRETARY ON HIS SIDE WISHED TO RAISE, BUT GIVEN LIMITED TIME HERE I THOUGHT IT MADE SENSE TO PLAN ON THREE MEETINGS: (A) AUDIENCE WITH SHAIKH ZAYID FOR BROAD DISCUSSION OF ENERGY AND DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS; (B) SUBSEQUENT CALL ON SUWAIDI WITH MIN STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS HABROUSH AND POSSIBLY MIN FINANCE SHAIKH HAMDAN PRESENT TO DISCUSS IN MORE SPECIFIC TERMS US POLICIES AFFECTING ABU DHABI INVESTMENT IN US, BOYCOTT ISSUE, AND OPPORTUNITIES EXPAND US-UAE BILATERAL COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC FIELD; (C) IF THERE IS TIME, MEETING WITH MINISTER PETROLEUM OTAIBA FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION OF ENERGY MATTERS INCLUDING PROSPECTS FOR CIEC.

3. IT WILL HELP IN ARRANGING SCHEDULE HERE TO HAVE WORD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF SECRETARY SIMON'S OBJECTIVES AT THIS
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STOP AND SUBJECTS HE WISHES DISCUSS. I URGE THAT PARTY ARRIVE

EARLY ENOUGH IN MORNING TO ALLOW TIME FOR USEFUL DISCUSSIONS
HERE. GOVERNMENT WILL WISH TO HOST LUNCH FOR PARTY AND WILL TAKE
CARE OF ACCOMMODATIONS, PROBABLY AT HILTON HOTEL.
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